

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3-7, 9-13, 17-20, 22-26, and 28-31 are pending. By the Office Action, Claims 1, 13 and 20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph on the grounds that the phrase "business partner" lacked antecedence in the claims; Claims 3 and 22 were objected to because of informalities; and Claims 13, 17, 18 and 19 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101 on the grounds that the claimed "user interface" is not statutory subject matter. Claims 3-7, 9-12, 22-26 and 28-31, however, would be allowable if rewritten in independent form with the limitations of their base and intervening claims.

By this Response, Claims 1, 13, 17-20 were amended to provide antecedence for "business partner" in the claims; Claims 3, 7, 22 and 26 were formally corrected; and Claims 13 was amended to tie the claimed "user interface" to a computer, and to specify that the claimed background presentation comprise[s] a bitmap image formed within a window on the computer, as described in specification at page 12, lines 2-3, and in concurrence with the Examiner's suggestion. Thus Claim 13 and dependent Claims 17-19 that incorporate this amendment define patentable subject matter.

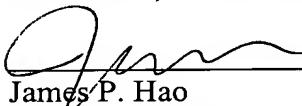
CONCLUSION

In view of the amendments, the Application is in condition for allowance which is respectfully requested. If a conference call will expedite allowance, kindly telephone Clare Hartnett at (408) 447-0289.

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